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Ruby Unpredictable, Insecure Says Strip-Teaser in El Paso

A strip-tease actress who had stormy experience while employed in the Dallas nightclub of Jack Ruby, slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of the late President Kennedy, said in El Paso today that Ruby is a split personality — kind and cruel, meek and boisterous, a friend one minute and a bitter foe the next.

This description of Ruby as a totally unpredictable person was given by Jada — that's it, just Jada, her stage name and the only one she uses. She came to El Paso for a two-week engagement at an Upper Valley night spot.

"I KNOW JACK Ruby well—too well for my own welfare, and I had to go to court to get my contract with him cancelled," Jada said.

"My contract with him started last July 17. He was impossible. He is totally unpredictable. His treatment of me was so shabby, so unbearable, that I went to court and had the contract vacated. My last night at Ruby's Carousel was Halloween.

"Jack is completely emotional. One minute he is nice, and the next minute he goes berserk. One minute he is for you, and the next he is bitterly against you."

Jada said a Dallas friend watching developments predicted Ruby would either go free at his trial or go to the electric chair — no "in-between" sentence, like a prison term.

"Ruby is wholly contradictory," Jada declared. "He will advocate something today and denounce the same thing tomorrow. He will do anything to attract attention to himself.

"I AM CERTAIN his personality was fixed in childhood. He was raised in a poor family in Chicago. I have heard him tell about it, how the family fought at the table over food.

Jada

"He craves attention. He really wanted to be somebody, but didn't have it in him. He hangs around police headquarters. He is a nuisance around newspaper offices. He knows a tremendous number of people in Dallas. But he doesn't have many friends.

"Oh, he wants friends! But he doesn't have the capacity to make and hold them. He is insecure. He wants to be noticed. He often makes such remarks as, 'I'm a character! I'm colorful.'

"Although he hangs around police, I don't think there was any payoff to police by him. He had no reputation of being a dope handler, or of being involved in other criminal affairs."

JADA SAID Ruby's nightclub did well while she was there.

"Jack said he became affluent. The place became packed with patrons," she said. "But he became even more obnoxious when he was in the money. He would yell at me, and at others, for a few days, then he would come around and talk nice.

"Jack was a tyrant, nothing less. He would yell at the girls working for him just like it had been a call house. He chased women, but I don't think he succeeded much."

Jada described Ruby as self-centered to the extreme.

"He dreaded showing his age, although he was not old, maybe in his 50s. He would say, 'My hair is getting thinner. I must get a toupee. I must lose weight. I must diet.' But instead of dieting, he would load in the food.

"WHEN I COULDN'T stand Jack any longer, I took a day off to take action that would break my contract. He barred the door to my room where I had $10,000 worth of clothes. I went to the sheriff's office and complained. Jack came to the sheriff's office. He screamed at the top of his voice, and told them to go ahead and lock him up, and to lock me up. He lost out in this showdown, and I left the show."

When asked if she considers Ruby mentally unbalanced, Jada said "I don't think he is sane."

She expressed no opinion regarding the possibility that she will be called as a witness at Ruby's trial.

JADA SAID she was at Parkland Hospital in Dallas when the mortally wounded President was taken there.

"I was with a friend in a car when an accident occurred on the outskirts of Dallas, and a man apparently was injured," she said. "He was taken to Parkland for examination, and I went along. I saw the car arrive with the President and Governor Connally and others.

"One published report said Jack Ruby announced that he rushed to Parkland Hospital as soon as he learned the President had been shot. That is just what Ruby would tell the newspapers, but it was not true. A Dallas newspaper reporter blew that statement up. The reporter said he saw Ruby in the Dallas News lunch room only minutes after the President was shot, and that Ruby [illegible] the lunch room [illegible] a half.

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"I TELL YOU: [illegible] Ruby would do anything for attention. Besides, he was a bully. He would throw drunks down stairways, but he never picked trouble with anyone capable of flooring him.

"He was ruthless in his conduct. He would grab girls off the street and put them in his show, the kind of girls who couldn't afford to start trouble.

"I'm certain Jack thought he would be acclaimed as a hero by shooting Oswald. He now sees it isn't working out so well."

Jada said she closed at a nightclub in Little Rock last Saturday night, and drove to El Paso to begin appearances at the Carousel at Sunland Park. She mentioned the coincidence that this name, Carousel, is the same as Ruby's nightclub in Dallas.

ONE OF HER features is a "Bengal Lancer act." Jada said she owes Madame Francaine's nightclub in New Orleans. She said she recently completed a color movie entitled, "Dallas After Dark."

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